1	2	3	4	5
10.	Orissa	1.62	1.56	1.46
11.	Punjab	1.63	1.60	1.47
12.	Rajasthan	2.33	2.33	2.28
13.	Tamil Nadu	1.15	1.10	1.07
14.	Uttar Pradesh	2.37	2.32	2.19
15.	West Bengal	1.50	1.47	1.37
	India	**1.85**	**1.83**	**1.75**

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Credit Sales of IPCL

2171. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the credit sales by IPCL to new customers, without adequate precaution, led to a blockage/loss of dues amounting to Rs. 3.90 crores;

(b) whether the laid down procedure was not followed; and

(c) if so, the action Government have taken against the officials involved to recover such amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) The Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) had, during April-July, 1996, supplies Polyster Chips valued at Rs. 3.90 crore to JBF Industries, Mumbai, on credit against the colateral security of shares and against advance cheques. The party, to whom the said sale on credit was made, defaulted in payment. IPCL has filed a Criminal case against the party on account of dishonouring of cheques as also a Civil Recovery Suit against the said party. The Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG), in the report for the year 2000, has included a paragraph on this subject, which is receiving Government's attention.